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The Ferocious One

The Ferocious One (Russian: Лютый, romanized: *Lyutyy*, also known as *The Fierce One*, Kazakh language: *Көксерек / Kökserek*[1]) is a 1974 Soviet drama film directed by Tolomush Okeyev.[2] It was selected as the Soviet entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 47th Academy Awards, but was not accepted as a nominee.[3]

The Ferocious One	
Film poster	
Directed by	Tolomush Okeyev
Written by	Andrey Konchalovskiy Eduard Tropinin
Starring	Kambar Valiyev Suimenkul Chokmorov
Cinematography	Kydyrzhan Kydyraliyev
Release date	15 January 1974
Running time	97 minutes
Country	Soviet Union
Language	Russian

Contents

Name of Kokserek

Коксерек (Kokserek) or *Көксерек* (Kökserek) is a name given to strong, tough wolves.[4] The name is a combination of the Kazakh words "Көк" ("blue" color, metaphorically "sky") and "Серек" ("protruding" for ears, metaphorically "hearing well").[5]

Plot

The movie is adapted from a story named Kökserek of Kazakh autor Mukhtar Auezov.[6]

The film tells the story of friendship of a little boy who lives in the desert and a wolf cub. The boy named this wolf cub "Kokserek" (In Kazakh language it is pronounced exactly as *"Kökserek"*.)

One day, Kurmash's uncle takes him hunting, where on the way they come across a wolf hole with cubs. His uncle kills five cubs, but the boy takes the last puppy home. So a wolf cub named Kokserek begins to live in the house. They play together and grow up together. They are friends without the knowledge that

people and wolves are enemies. The child's heart does not accept the ruthlessness and cruelty of the adult world. When people want to kill the grown animal, the boy sets his friend free. The adult wolf became extremely feral when released into the wild.[7] Many years later, they meet again.

There is also a Kazakh hard-dubbed version.

Festivals

- Locarno International Film Festival; 1974, Special Mention
- Chicago International Film Festival; 1975[8]

Cast

- Kambar Valiyev as Kurmash
- Suimenkul Chokmorov as Akhangul
- Aliman Zhankorozova as Grandma
- K. Satyev as Hassen
- N. Ikhtimbayev as Son of the Bey

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- List of submissions to the 47th Academy Awards for Best Foreign Language Film
- List of Soviet submissions for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film

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